# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF PUERTO RICO

In re:

THE FINANCIAL OVERSIGHT AND MANAGEMENT BOARD FOR PUERTO RICO,

as representative of

THE COMMONWEALTH OF PUERTO RICO, et al.

Debtors.1

In re:

THE FINANCIAL OVERSIGHT AND MANAGEMENT BOARD FOR PUERTO RICO,

as representative of

PUERTO RICO ELECTRIC POWER AUTHORITY.

Debtor.

PROMESA Title III

Case No. 17-BK-3283-LTS (Jointly Administered)

Case No. 17-BK-4780-LTS

This Court Filing Relates Only to Case No. 17-BK-4780-LTS

Re: ECF Nos. 975, 1233

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NATIONAL PUBLIC FINANCE GUARANTEE CORPORATION, ASSURED GUARANTY CORP., ASSURED GUARANTY MUNICIPAL CORP., AND SYNCORA GUARANTEE INC.,

Movants,

v.

THE FINANCIAL OVERSIGHT AND MANAGEMENT BOARD FOR PUERTO RICO,

as representative of

PUERTO RICO ELECTRIC POWER AUTHORITY,

Respondent.

URGENT JOINT MOTION OF ALL PARTIES TO EXTEND DEADLINES RE: MOTION TO DISMISS (FIFTH REQUEST)

To the Honorable United States District Judge Laura T. Swain:

The Puerto Rico Electric Power Authority ("PREPA" or the "Debtor"), by and through the Financial Oversight and Management Board for Puerto Rico (the "Oversight Board"), as the Debtor's representative pursuant to section 315(b) of the *Puerto Rico Oversight, Management, and Economic Stability Act* ("PROMESA"),<sup>2</sup> the Puerto Rico Fiscal Agency and Financial Advisory Authority ("AAFAF"), National Public Finance Guarantee Corporation ("National"), Assured Guaranty Corp. and Assured Guaranty Municipal Corp. ("Assured"), and Syncora Guarantee Inc. ("Syncora") (collectively, the "Parties") respectfully submit this urgent joint motion (the "Urgent Motion") for an order extending the remaining deadlines applicable to the pending motion pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 12(b)(6) (ECF No. 1233) (the "Dismissal Motion") to dismiss the motion by National, Assured, and Syncora for relief from the automatic stay to seek appointment of a receiver (ECF No. 975) (the Receiver Motion"). A proposed order is attached hereto as Exhibit A ("Proposed Order").

On August 14, 2019, in response to the Parties' prior joint motion for an extension, the Court entered a scheduling order that: (i) set the briefing deadlines for objections and replies to the Dismissal Motion for August 28 and September 25, respectively; and (ii) aligned the hearing date for the Dismissal Motion with the hearing date for the motion to approve the 9019 settlement (the "9019 Motion"). See ECF No. 1588 (ordering that the Dismissal Motion be heard the "[s]ame day as the hearing on the 9019 Motion"). Currently, the hearing on the 9019 Motion is scheduled for October 30, 2019. See ECF No. 1579. Objections and replies to the 9019 Motion are due September 18 and October 16, respectively. See id.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> PROMESA has been codified in 48 U.S.C. §§ 2101–2241.

The Parties respectfully request a further extension of the objection and reply deadlines for the Dismissal Motion, to bring those dates more in line with the briefing deadlines for the 9019 Motion. Specifically, the Parties propose the following schedule:

Event	Current Date	Proposed Date
Deadline for filing objections to the Dismissal Motion	August 28, 2019	September 18, 2019
Deadline for filing replies to the Dismissal Motion	September 25, 2019	October 21, 2019
Hearing on the Dismissal Motion in connection with the Omnibus Hearing	Same day as the hearing on the 9019 Motion	Same day as the hearing on the 9019 Motion

These proposed dates for the Dismissal Motion match the current schedule for the 9019 Motion, except that the proposed reply deadline for the Dismissal Motion (October 21) would be five days later than the reply deadline for the 9019 Motion (October 16).

Good cause exists to grant the requested extension. The Parties are continuing to work toward reaching agreement on an amendment to the PREPA Definitive Restructuring Support Agreement ("RSA"), pursuant to which National and Syncora would join the RSA. If National and Syncora join the RSA, and if the 9019 Motion is granted, then the RSA will require them to voluntarily withdraw their Receiver Motion—thereby mooting the Dismissal Motion. Thus, the requested extension would provide additional time for the Parties to attempt to settle the Dismissal Motion and the Receiver Motion. Moreover, given that the Dismissal Motion hearing is not until October 30, the requested extension would neither burden the Court nor prejudice any Party. For the foregoing reasons, the Parties respectfully move the Court to enter the Proposed Order attached as Exhibit A.

### Certification of Compliance with Local Rule 9013-1 and the Eighth Amended Case Management Procedures

Pursuant to Local Rule 9013-1 and ¶ I.H of the Eighth Amended Case Management Order, the undersigned counsel hereby certify they have (a) carefully examined the matter and concluded there is a true need for an urgent extension; (b) not created the urgency through any lack of due diligence; and (c) made reasonable, good-faith communications in an effort to resolve or narrow the issues that are being brought to the Court.

Dated: August 23, 2019

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### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on August 23, 2019, I electronically filed the foregoing with the Clerk of the Court using the CM/ECF system, which will send notifications of such filing to all CM/ECF participants in this case.

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### **EXHIBIT A**

**Proposed Order** 

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THE FINANCIAL OVERSIGHT AND MANAGEMENT BOARD FOR PUERTO RICO,

as representative of

PUERTO RICO ELECTRIC POWER AUTHORITY,

Debtor.

[PROPOSED] ORDER EXTENDING DEADLINES APPLICABLE TO FINANCIAL OVERSIGHT AND MANAGEMENT BOARD AND AAFAF'S MOTION PURSUANT TO FED. R. CIV. P. 12(B)(6) TO DISMISS INSURERS' MOTION FOR RELIEF FROM THE AUTOMATIC STAY TO SEEK APPOINTMENT OF A RECEIVER (ECF NO. 1233)

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Upon consideration of the urgent joint motion (the "Urgent Motion") of the Financial Oversight and Management Board for Puerto Rico ("Oversight Board"), the Puerto Rico Fiscal Agency and Financial Advisory Authority ("AAFAF"), National Public Finance Guarantee Corporation ("National"), Assured Guaranty Corp. and Assured Guaranty Municipal Corp. ("Assured"), and Syncora Guarantee Inc. ("Syncora") (collectively, the "Parties"), and the Court having found good cause to grant the relief requested therein, it is

#### HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

- 1. The Urgent Motion is GRANTED as set forth herein.
- 2. With respect to the Oversight Board and AAFAF's motion pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 12(b)(6) (ECF No. 1233) ("Dismissal Motion") to dismiss the motion by National, Assured, and Syncora for relief from the automatic stay to seek appointment of a receiver, the following schedule applies:

Event	Date
Deadline for filing objections to the Dismissal Motion	September 18, 2019
Deadline for filing replies to the Dismissal Motion	October 21, 2019
Hearing on the Dismissal Motion in connection with the	Same day as the hearing on the
Omnibus Hearing	9019 Motion

SO ORDERED.	
Dated:, 2019	
	HONORABLE LAURA TAYLOR SWAIN
	UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE